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PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, mental illness is the most serious single health problem confronting the nation, and

WHEREAS, many mental patients are unable to get the treatment they need because mental hospitals are overcrowded, understaffed, and short of medical supplies and equipment, and

WHEREAS, many people suffering from emotional disorders are unable to get help because there is a severe shortage of psychiatric clinics and private psychiatrists, and

WHEREAS, mental illness research is being hampered by lack of funds and personnel, and

WHEREAS, these conditions can be remedied by concerted action of the citizens of our state and our nation,

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Joe Foss, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim the month of May as

MENTAL HEALTH MONTH

in South Dakota and furthermore call upon the citizens of the state to help the mentally ill by working in behalf of the improved and expanded treatment facilities; and in behalf of increased research to improve the methods for treatment and prevention of mental illness.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota to be affixed this 28th day of April, 1986.

..... Joe Foss
Governor

ATTEST:

..... Geraldine Stroot
Secretary of State